Eldorado National Forest



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Treating Fuels Using Stewardship Contracting

Scott Creek Stewardship Project



- 734 acres of small tree thinning and removal to landings for piling (ladder fuel treatment) @ \$56/acre.
- 519 acres of mandatory brush cutting and machine piling @ \$295/acre.
- 63 acres of optional mastication @ \$518/acre; 25 acres of optional mastication @ \$863/acre.
- 9,151 CCF of sawtimber
- 734 acres of mechanical harvesting
- \$291,000 stumpage value
- \$194,000 of mandatory stewardship costs; \$84,000 of optional stewardship costs.



Last Chance Stewardship Project

- 728 acres of small tree thinning and removal to landings for piling (6"-10" stump diameter trees) @ \$44/acre.
- 401 acres of brush cutting and machine piling @ \$255/acre.
- 327 acres of hand cut and scatter debris @ \$60/acre.
- 289 acres of mastication @ \$455/acre.
- 7,379 CCF sawtimber \geq 9"
- \$676,000 stumpage value
- 728 acres mechanical harvesting
- \$286,000 stewardship costs



Benefits

- Meeting fuels objectives cheaply and quickly with one contract.
- Treating more acres relying less on appropriated \$ for contracts except for salaries; 100% of timber value available on the ground no overhead tap.
- Promoting competition and opportunity for small businesses.

What Have We Accomplished?

Awarded and implemented 26 Stewardship Contracts:

- Total of approximately 42,000 acres of mechanical fuels treatments.
- Total of 173,000 CCF sawtimber from commercial thinning with a value of \$8,700,000.